

VETERANS SPIRIT



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From the Administrator

I am very proud to announce three of our staff members were honored June 8th for the Southern Nevada "Endeavor Awards," presented by Nevada Health Care Association's Perry Foundation. Honored at the event were Mary Lambert, Rehab Program Manager for the Most Extraordinary Therapist; Poppy Helgren, Director of Nursing for Outstanding Nurse Leader; and DiAnn Lawson, Certified Nursing Assistant for Nursing Assistant of the Year. All the winners were chosen by exhibiting exceptional compassion and commitment to residents, staff members, and their community.



From left: Mary Lambert, NSVH Administrator Linda Gelinger; Poppy Helgren, and DiAnn Lawson.

The Nevada State Veterans Home was the only long-term care facility in southern Nevada to have three staff members recognized by receiving awards honoring them for their work in specific areas within the facilities and communities.



Other News

Pardon our dust... Our Home has been is under repairs & remodeling!

We have slurry sealed and striped the parking lots, removed the hallways carpeting to replace with new vinyl flooring, and resealed the roof and foundation on the exterior of building. Still to come.... new furniture in the neighborhoods shared living areas.

A thank you to our devoted and professional staff. The Federal Veterans Administration Survey was conducted May 24-26, 2016 and out of a possible 158 standard review criteria, our Home met 157 elements. This was an improvement from the 2015 VA review.

In the Works...

Through a grant program we are in the process of certification with the Music and Memory Program. The program discovers the healing power of personalized music. Grounded in extensive neuroscience research about how the brain responds to music giving pleasure to persons with dementia. It also helps reduce resistance to care, reduces agitation and sun-downing, fosters a calmer social environment, and reduces reliance on anti-psychotic and anti-anxiety medication.

Welcome

Welcome New NSVH Residents!

The Nevada State Veterans Home welcomes new residents for the months of April through June. We hope you find your stay here to be extremely pleasant and enjoyable.

April

Cecil Herrell
Mary Bruzzese
Elizabeth McIlroy
Charles Belting
William Coates
James Coniglio
William Trelease
Terry Hall
Frederick Thackeray
Edward Chow

May

Carl Holmen
Paul Rosenbluth
Edward Dickman
Stanley Czerniewski
Wesley Brown
Michael Yellowhorse
Clarence Larsen
Estanislado Guerro
Malcom Donaldson
Allen Pike

June

Curtis Brown
Herman Schulz
Donald Viers
William Whitehorn
Frank Cebalo
James Lee
Ervin Plank
Roy Sieg
John Williams
Fred Carter

**Family Gathering
Meeting
August 13th
10:00am**

RESIDENT CENSUS

Army - 57
Navy - 34
Air Force - 33
Marines - 12
Coast Guard - 1
Merchant Marines - 0

WWII - 39
Korean War - 43
Vietnam - 53
Persian Gulf - 2
Peace Time - 21
Lebanon - 1
Afghanistan 1

Women - 36
Women Veterans - 5
Spouses of Veterans - 31

Some Residents have served in more than one branch of service and more than one war.

Special Events This Quarter

Independence Day - July 4th Fireworks at 8pm

JAM Performance- July 10th at 2pm

Mocktail Hour - July 20th at 2pm

JAM Performance- August 21st at 2pm

Mocktail Hour - August 24th at 2pm

Grandparents Day - September 11 at 9:30am

JAM Performance - September 11th at 2pm

POW/MIA Day - September 16th at 9:30am

Mocktail Hour - September 21st at 2pm



RESIDENTS PLEASE JOIN US!

Resident Council meets the 2nd Tuesday & Food Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 0930 in Town Hall.

George Markle, President

In order to maintain efficiencies and improved customer service in regards to billing and financial matters, key positions of the Business Office staff were relocated to the Department office. The Business Office telephone number is (775) 825-9760 or finance@veterans.nv.gov. Department staff will return your call or email within 48-hours, excluding weekends or Holidays.

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Nevada Veterans Assistance League, Inc



The League was established to meet the ongoing needs of America's heroes who reside at the Nevada State Veterans Home (NSVH). Gifts to Nevada Veterans Assistance League (NVAL) ensure a sense of security, happiness, dignity, independence, and usefulness for residents.

Residents determine, through their own *Resident Council*, how funds designated for their use are spent. In the past, they have chosen outings to see the Las Vegas 51's, Mandalay Bay Shark Reef, UNLV football and basketball games, numerous shows on the Strip, many cultural attractions, such as museums, art shows, and theatre.

NVAL ... making a veterans' facility a veterans' Home through your gifts of love.

The Nevada Veterans Assistance League, (NVAL) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization pursuant to all IRS regulations. Gifts to NVAL are tax deductible according to each individual donor's situation. Gifts to NVAL support the needs of residents who reside at the Nevada State Veterans Home. Donations can be sent to : NVAL at PO Box 60464, Boulder City, NV 89006-0464



Father's Day by Carlos Dye, Volunteer

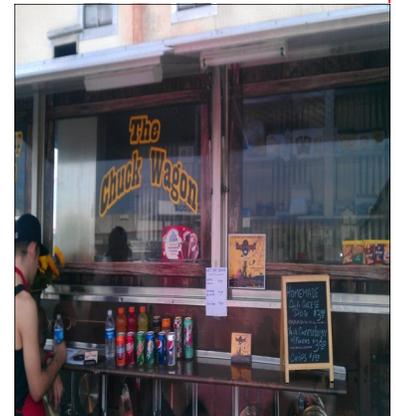
Our annual Father's Day celebration was another great success! Once again a huge thank you to Nelson Sardelli with Gary Olds, the Pan Draggers Car Club, the Chuck Wagon BBQ, the Las Vegas Radio Control Club, Volunteers and Staff. With our combined efforts, and



phenomenal organizational skills we mastered another full day of FUN!

Many of the volunteers who are veterans themselves and accompanied residents throughout the day. In the morning they strolled or rolled through the vintage, tricked-out cars, while others were hitting up the Chuck Wagon BBQ food truck. Residents reminisced with proud car owners, some of whom had travelled from as far away as Illinois. Among the car show guest was the jovial Las Vegas Radio Control Club that had large scale fighter planes.

Once lunchtime hit, our Town Hall was filled to maximum capacity with residents, families, guests and volunteers to be entertained by an amazing lineup of entertainers, including master magician Lance Burton. This was the 13th year that Las Vegas legend Nelson Sardelli has coordinated the entertainment to the delight of everyone. Another round of applause and thanks to everyone that made this day possible for our Veterans, families and friends.



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Around Our Home



US Senator Dean Heller visited with resident Robert Leonard, Jr. on Memorial Day



Portable Oxygen Concentrators.

Nevada Veterans Assistance League, Nevada Veterans Foundation and Jewish War Veterans Post #65. Purchased 8 portable oxygen concentrators for residents to use on outings, appointments and "in-house" with the use of a walker. Resident Bill McKellar with Physical Therapist Mary Lambert.



Brandon Torres (IT Supervisor) giving some pointers to resident Sally Neathery and her newly purchased Apple I-Pad.



Now available N/A Beer. We strive everyday to make our Home as homelike as possible.



Pat Matthews has been a Volunteer in our Home since 2005. Last year, Pat had over 550 volunteer service hours here at the Home. You will find Pat usually every weekday morning assisting residents to and from breakfast and to the morning activities. Pat participates on our outings and helps in the Activities Department too. She is a go to gal, never short on words and always quick with a joke...

Thank you Pat for your dedication to our residents, staff and our Home!



John Ryan, has been a Volunteer in our Home since 2005. With an average of 250 service hours per year. In addition to his service with special events, John has assisted with our inspections, surveys, has taught Fire Safety & Hazardous Communications, helped develop Safety Policies & Procedures. From 1967 to 1995 John worked for City of Las Vegas Fire Department as a EMT, Battalion Chief & Deputy Chief. In 1995 he was Chief for Redmond, Washington and is a USAF Vietnam Veteran.

Thank you John for sharing your knowledge, experience, and expertise with us!



Social Mixing



Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Facebook

Connect on NDVS Facebook to Post Your Services, Programs, Health, Wellness, Legislative Developments, Special Events as You Learn What's Happenings Statewide

More is better, and never has the adage been more true than providing updates, information, links and support for veterans, active military, and their families. Facebook provides the platform for sharing dates of local and regional events, breaking legislative news from the State and Washington, veterans organization programs, need-to-know benefits and claims items and postings from veterans throughout Nevada.

In order for Facebook to reach a greater audience, we ask you to 'LIKE' the NDVS Facebook page and share what you see, hear, and learn with your Nevada veteran family.

Family Gathering Meeting

All family members and friends of our residents are invited to attend our quarterly Family Gathering Meeting on Saturday, August 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. You are welcome to discuss any ideas or suggestions with Administrator, Linda Geling; and our Director of Social Services, Vivian Carlisle. These are open meetings and we encourage participation.

Making a Difference (M.A.D.) Needlers

As featured on FOX 5 News the Making a Difference Needlers. This group came to our Home to measure wheelchairs, walkers and existing shirt protectors. This sewing group creates handmade sewing items throughout our local community.



Helen Malek, Randy Baker, Virginia Mahaney



M.A.D. Needlers Crew: Judy, Bev, Jerry, Drew, Richard, Brenda and Mary

Kindle Fire Tablets On Loan

Through a generous grant from the MGM Resorts Foundation, the Senior Center of Boulder City in cooperation with the Boulder City Library are offering Kindle Fire tablet on loan to our residents. The Library and Senior Center will assist in downloading e-books, audiobooks, digital periodicals, and movies for residents to enjoy. The size and weight of the Kindle Fire tablet allows those with strength and mobility issues to easily lift and hold the device while reading or listening to a new book.



Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation



Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation is a non-profit organization established and dedicated to honor seniors, particularly United States military veterans by providing “Dream Flights” in a vintage, open cockpit biplane at no cost. The mission of the Foundation is to “Give Back To Those Who Have Given.”

The Boeing Stearman is the same aircraft used to train many military aviators in World War II. They were used as trainers for the United States Army Air Force, United States Navy, and the Royal Canadian Air Force. There were at least 10,626 built during the 1930’s and 1940’s. In post-war years, they were auctioned off and used for crop dusting or aerobatics. The timeless design of the radial engine was commonly used in aircraft from the 1920’s-1940’s. Its low, raspy engine sound is unforgettable and has the innate ability to bring back nostalgic memories for veterans and seniors. A BIG thanks to Ageless Aviation Dream Foundation for making memories that will last a lifetime!



Walter Hansen



Richard Meyers

Horsemen at our Home



A pleasant unexpected visit from Mountain Rose Ranch, while passing through Boulder City a trailer full of horses stopped by for a friendly visit! (left) George Markle (center) John Cermuzynski and (right) Bud Smith

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The Chaplain's Voice by Chaplain Bob Nycek



We live in a world that is being attacked by fear, failure, discouragement, pain, anxiety and worry. No matter where you turn, we are inundated with the overwhelming sense that all hope is lost. There is not a person today who has not struggled with this simple word. It is almost as if it has morphed into another one of those four letter words we dare not say. We search after it as if it were equal to a unicorn or that elusive leprechaun that lives at the end of the rainbow.

I have come to the realization that what we all desire to have, what we long for most, and what fuels us for the future is hope! I believe that we all need hope. We need to hope in something that is bigger than we are; to hope that we can overcome our current situation; to hope that life is not just a gathering of unrelated events smashed together and inconsequential to our existence. We need hope!

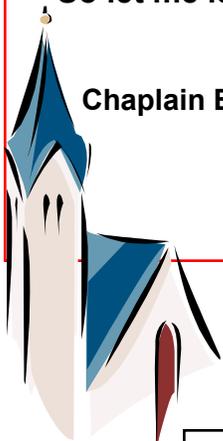
Hope is defined as a feeling of expectation, a desire for a certain thing to happen. A feeling of trust. It even invokes a sense of drive. I wonder though, in what do you hope? In whom do you hope? Is your hope based upon a set of conditions that must be met? Do you really hope after anything?

In case you would like something a little more solid to stand on, may I share with you a verse from Psalm 119:49. In this verse the author is having a conversation with God and says, "Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope. My comfort in my suffering is this: your promise preserves my life."

Wow! You mean that I can find hope in the promises of God's Word? I can find hope in the work of Christ on the cross? I can find hope in the empty tomb? That is such a relief that I can hope in someone, in something and for something. It is so relieving to know that our hope, the believer's hope, is not in vain.

I don't know what you're dealing with today as you read this. I don't know if you have lost your hope. If you have lost sight of what to even hope for. If you've been so beaten by your past that you cannot see the hope that can be yours. This much I do know about you though: that what you need in your life is hope. What can help you turn things around in your life is hope. I can tell you without hesitation that my hope is in the solid rock of Jesus' blood and righteousness.

So let me leave you with question: Where is your hope and what are you going to do about it?



Chaplain Bob

"The Sunshine Society"

IN THE CHAPEL

Non-Denominational Service, Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study, Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Catholic Prayer & Communion, Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Non-Denominational Service, Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Episcopal Service Sunday at 1:00 p.m.



Chaplain Bob is available Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
After hours he can be reached at (702) 423-1748.

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